

## NDSC Elections bill Testimony – Phil Murphy

Good morning Chairman Luick and committee. My name is Phil Murphy with the ND Soybean Growers Association. HB 1145 is for the board elections of our sister organization, the Soybean Council. The intent is to improve a few aspects concerning **beginning dates** for their board members, **an earlier start for mailing ballots, clarifying that a board member must live in the district they represent and allowing the Soybean Council to review their districts from time to time to accurately represent producers.** The Council has identified these measures to affect better governance and on behalf of the Soybean Growers, I ask you to support the bill. If it pleases the committee, at this time I introduce you to Austin Langley - Chairman of the NDSC to walk you through the bill and answer questions as well as their Executive Director, Stephanie Sinner, to answer any additional questions you may have.